

# MINUTES

OF THE

## LAWRENCE COUNTY ASSOCIATION

IN ITS

*Fifth Annual Session*

HELD WITH

**BETHANY BAPTIST CHURCH**

*October 17 and 19, 1905.*

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### OFFICERS:

R. DRUMMOND,	Moderator
WADE POLK,	Clerk
N. S. BUCKLEY,	Treasurer

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### FIRST DAY--MORNING SESSION.

Bethany Church, Miss., Tuesday, October 17, 1905.

The Lawrence County Association met this day with the Bethany Baptist Church, Lawrence County, Miss., in its fifth annual session, at the appointed hour.

Devotional exercises was conducted by Elder J. P. Williams, reading for morning lesson 133d Psalm, prayers being led by Elders R. Drummond and R. J. O'Bryant.

The Moderator being absent, the clerk announced the Association in order for business.

On motion Elder T. J. Moore was called to the chair pro tem.

A motion prevailed dispensing with the reading the associational letters, and a committee of three appointed on credentials and abstracts consisting of Brethren C. R. Dale, L. E. Sills and Lany Lee.

Brethren H. W. Longino and I. E. Fortenberry were appointed a committee on finance to assist the treasurer in receiving contributions from the churches.

While waiting for the report on credentials Elder Bryan Simmons entertained the congregation with a display and description of the "Misionary map of the world.

The committee on Credentials reported the following named delegates in attendance.

Antioch—R. Crisco, J. J. Osten, Lany Lee, R. C. Myers and Alfred Blackwell.

Bethel—J. M. Ritchie and A. H. McGuffee.

Bethany—W. M. Waller, Fleet Parkman, J. M. Polk, T. J. Newsom and J. C. Burkett.

Crooked Creek—L. E. Sills, J. O. Buckley, T. J. Bolton, W. C. Dale, and G. W. Johnston.

Calvary—H. W. Longino, I. B. Cole, J. M. Armstrong, W. C. Atwood, J. P. Williams and Rowan Stringer.

Hepsibah—L. T. Ward and Quit Daniels.

Hebron—R. Drummond, D. R. Longino, A. H. Dale, A. C. Berry and W. C. Hutchins.

Monticello—I. N. Bass, R. D. Garrett and W. C. Maxwell.

New Zion—J. T. Bass.

New Hope—Alphonso Russell.

New Hebron—C. E. Lee and T. M. Ware.

Prentiss—Dr. J. A. Maxwell, C. R. Dale and H. H. Williams.

Rehoboth—V. L. Moore and C. M. Bird.

Shiloh—E. B. White and W. R. Gibson.

Silver Creek—I. E. Fortenberry, W. D. Fortenberry and W. B. Stringer.

Society Hill—J. M. Fortenberry, F. W. Langston, Conrad Langston, E. Hanlin, N. S. Buckley and Wade Polk.

Whitesand—J. M. Bridges, L. A. Miller and W. S. BoByanton.

On motion the regular order of business was suspended and petitionary letters called for, when Hebron Church and New Hebron asked for membership in this Association by letters and delegates, they being received and clerk ordered to enroll names of their delegates.

Went into permanent organization of the body.

On motion the regular order of electing the officers by ballot was dispensed with and they were elected by acclamation.

The following names were put in nomination and elected, viz.: R. Drummond, Moderator; Wade Polk, Clerk, and N. S. Buckley, Treasurer.

By motion, the Association asked the clerk to get the minutes printed and distributed to the different churches as soon as practicable.

On motion the Moderator was allowed to adopt his own order of business.

The hour having arrived for the preaching of associational sermon and Elder L. D. Posey, appointee, being absent on account of sickness, Elder Bryan Simmons preached the sermon, using for a text, 14th chapter, 15th verse Exodus: "Speak to the Children of Israel, that they go forward." Which was uplifting

and edifying. The theme being "That the Baptist of today should go forward in the work of evangelizing the world."

Elder T. J. Moore leading in prayer.

The congregation sang "All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name."

Adjournment for one and a half hours. Benediction by Elder J. M. Ritchie.

1.30 p. m.—Met pursuant to adjournment. Prayer by Elder W. T. Lowery.

Received correspondence as follows: A. V. Rowe, Baptist State Convention Board. J. R. Polk and — Norwood, from Strong River. Elder Bryan Simmons, from Pearl River. Elder R. J. O'Bryant, from Lebanon. Brethren N. A. Burkett and H. P. Blackwell, from Pearl Leaf. Elder W. T. Lowery, Mississippi College. T. J. Bailey representing the "Baptist."

On motion Elder J. O. Buckley was elected messenger to the Southern Baptist Convention and Elder J. P. Williams alternate.

Arranged correspondence as follows: To the Baptist State Convention, J. P. Williams, T. J. Moore, R. Drummond, A. H. Dale, A. C. Berry, A. H. McGuffee, C. R. Dale, D. R. Longino, E. B. White, W. R. Gibson, J. O. Buckley, J. M. Polk and Wade Polk.

On motion, Resolved, That concerning the return of correspondence to other bodies with whom this Association holds fraternal relationship, we hereby empower any member of any church belonging to this Association, who can and will attend upon the sessions of these, taking this resolution as a letter of recommendation, shall be our messenger.

On motion J. P. Williams, E. C. Lee and L. T. Ward, were appointed a committee on publications.

On motion, the report on Missions was set for 10:30 o'clock tomorrow for discussion.

At the last session of this body the committee on nominations assigned to W. C. Maxwell "Denominational Schools." To B. S. Watts, "Pastoral Relations," and to A. C. Buckley, "Ministerial Education," for the brethren to prepare reports for discussion at this meeting, and they failing to send in their papers, the Moderator appointed Bryan Simmons to write a paper on "Denominational Schools," J. O. Buckley on "Pastoral Relations"



and W. T. Lowery on "Ministerial Education," that the subjects be discussed at this meeting.

On motion a committee was appointed on devotional exercises, consisting of C. R. Dale, J. M. Ritchie and J. M. Fortenberry.

Brethren A. H. Dale, Rowean Stringer and V. L. Moore were appointed a committee on nominations.

The report on the Baptist Orphanage was read and discussed by the writer as follows:

No institution ever fostered by Mississippi Baptists is more cherished and more heartily supported by our people, than the Baptist Orphanage at Jackson.

Founded only a few years ago, with only a few hundred dollars and less than a dozen orphans as inmates, it has now to its title \$60,000 worth of property including 112 acres of excellent farm and pasture lands, ample brick buildings for the home of the children, and a school hall. While it is caring for more than one hundred orphans.

-Rev. J. R. Carter, who has held the position of superintendent for the past two years, has proven himself to be very efficient. He and his wife, Sister Carter, seem to be the very persons for the places they occupy.

The last building which is just completed is a brick edifice which cost \$1,600. The board of managers at the completion and furnishing of this building, only had to borrow the amount of \$7,000 to settle for it in full.

In this connection, it is recommended that a thanksgiving offering be made by every church in the state, either on Thanksgiving day or on the second Sunday in November next and the amounts raised to be placed to the payment of this debt.

It is further recommended that each of our churches take at least one collection during the year for the support of the inmates of the home, and also let boxes of such things as will be needed, gathered and sent to Brother Carter for the use of these helpless little ones. Adopted.

T. J. MOORE.

At the conclusion of the discussion a collection was taken for the "Home" amounting to \$50.40.

The report on "Church Discipline" was read and spoken to

by Bryan Simmons, J. P. Williams, A. V. Rowe, R. Crisco and T. J. Bailey and adopted.

The report follows: Your committee would submit the following:

First, That discipline is essential in all families, organizations and institutions of any nature and more so in our churches, always taking the Bible for a guide by which to enforce it.

Show me a church, where rigid discipline is enforced and I will show you that that church has an active, live, working membership.

Your committee would recommend that each church in this association have a standing committee on complaints and offenses whose duty it shall be to look after the violators of the rules of the church and see that they are reported to the church after taking the Gospel steps. By so doing we will have a membership that will be more free from censure, the cause of Christ will be honored and those of the world will have less criticism to make of the church membership.

Brethren, let us be true in enforcing discipline, that we may have a membership that is above reproach, and then our churches will wield a better Christian influence. The churches then will be "as a city set upon a hill," and their light and influence go out to the world for good.

Respectfully submitted,

S. C. STAMPS.

The committee on devotional exercises made the following partial report: That W. T. Lowery preach at school building to-night at 7:30 o'clock, and Elder T. J. Bailey conduct the devotional exercises tomorrow at 9:30 o'clock a. m.

Adjourned to meet tomorrow at 9:30 a. m..

Prayer by Bryan Simmons.

## SECOND DAY—MORNING SESSION.

Met pursuant to adjournment.

Devotional exercises were conducted by T. J. Bailey, prayers being offered by Elders D. C. Rawls and J. M. Ritchie.

The Moderator announced Association in order for business.

Elder I. P. Trotter was received as messenger from the

Lebanon Association and Elder C. E. Bass from the Pearl River.

The reports on publications was read and discussed by Elders J. P. Williams, Bryan Simmons, E. Hanlin and T. J. Bailey and adopted as follows:

To be a progressive people, we must be a reading people, if we progress in the right direction we must read the right kind of literature; to succeed in special lines we must read on these particular lines.

Christians should read Christian literature.

First of all the Bible should be read prayerfully and constantly. As helps to an understanding of God's Word, and Christian intelligence, we recommend the Foreign Mission Journal, Richmond, Va.; The Home Field, Atlanta, Ga.; The Baptist, Jack Richmond, Va.; The Home Field, Atlanta, Ga.; The Baptist, Jackson, Miss.; The Orphanage Gem, Jackson, Miss., and the Southern Baptist Convention series of Sunday school literature.

The right use of these works gives an intelligence in our denominational enterprises that we can have in no other way, and it will surely increase our usefulness.

J. P. WILLIAMS.

The congregation sang "Sweet By and By."

On motion 2 o'clock p. m. was set for report on denominational schools.

The special hour having arrived for the report on missions, it was read and discussed by Rev. A. V. Rowe in a speech of one hour, to the instruction and enlightenment of all present.

#### REPORT ON MISSIONS.

So much has been written on the subject of Missions that it is next to impossible to write anything new; still it is a subject of which many people seem to be ignorant, and the history of which they know nothing. Some professed Christians have been reading the Bible for years and have not learned that it teaches missions, and with all their knowledge of the history of the world they have not found a line that throws any light upon what has been done in order to propagate the teachings of our Savior.

The Acts of the Apostles show beyond any question of doubt several separate and distinct missionary journeys. Phillip from

Jerusalem to Samaria, from Samaria to Gaza; Peter from Joppa to Caesarea Barnabas from Jerusalem to Antioch, and from Antioch to Tarsus and back again. Then the three missionary tours made by Paul and his associates may be readily traced by any one who reads with an unprejudiced mind.

Neither are we left in doubt as to how this work was managed. By reading the pastoral letters in their historical connections with the Acts, all the light necessary for our understanding is thrown upon the work as it was carried on by the early Christians; and for all that is now being done by Missionary Baptists we have either an expressed or implied warrant.

From the days of the Apostles to the Dark Ages the history of Christianity is a history of missionary operations. Within three hundred years after the crucifixion of Christ the gospel had been preached in Phoenicia, Syria, Asia Minor, Greece, Macedonia, and Italy, and was recognized as the religion of the state by the Roman Empire in its union under Constantine. During the fourth century a theological training school was established at Constantinople to which the natives were brought from pagan fields and trained and sent back as missionaries to their own people. Ireland was evangelized in the fifth century under the efforts of "St. Patrick," and from her missionaries were sent to other countries; while Germany received the gospel at the hands of England about the same time. In the seventh century the church at Rome sent missionaries under "St. Augustine," to the pagan tribes of Britain, while the Nestorians carried the gospel to China; and by the close of the tenth century A. D. the glad tidings had reached the Slavie peoples, and the pagans of Prussia.

True, many erroneous doctrines had been taught during these years, and much bitter persecution had been waged, but there was a dominant missionary spirit in each sect; all professed Christians recognized the obligation to give the gospel to the entire world.

But, alas! the gathering clouds of the Dark Ages were hovering low over the world and Christianity, like every thing else, was shrouded in its black mantle; and not until the dawn of the seventeenth century do we again note distinctly the pulsations of missionary life. True, there were signs of it in reforma-

tions and explorations of that dark period, but they were so faint that they were barely discernable in the terrors of war and the contest for territory and supremacy.

It will be remembered by the students of American history that much of the adventure in settling this country was prompted by a missionary spirit, and about the same time the Danish East India Company secured a foothold in the eastern coast of India and through their influence missionary work was begun there. In 1721 Greenland was reached by a missionary sent from a college in Copenhagen. But modern missionary efforts among trans-Atlantic English speaking people date from the 31st day of May, 1792, when William Carey preached his memorable sermon on the "Evangelization of the Heathen Nations;" and among cis-Atlantic or American English speaking people from 1806, when a few young men who were students at Williams College consecrated their lives to missions. In 1810 Samuel J. Mills, one of those young men was attending school at Andover Theological Seminary. There he met other young men impressed with a missionary spirit; and after consultation with their instructor, four of them, Samuel J. Mills, Adoniram Judson, Samuel Nott and Samuel Newell, presented themselves before the General Association of Massachusetts at its session at Bradford on June 25, asking to be sent to preach to the heathen. Soon after this, the American Board of Commissioners for Foreign Missions was organized, and after much difficulty secured a charter from Massachusetts in 1812. In the same year the charter was secured five young men, three of whom were married and carried their wives, sailed as missionaries to India. During the voyage two of these, Judson and Rice, changed their minds on the question of baptism, and at the earliest convenience were immersed. That event led to the organization in Philadelphia, May 18, 1814, of "The General Missionary Convention of the Baptist Denomination in the United States of America for Foreign Missions." It was under this organization that Judson was maintained in Burmah where he had been driven from India in 1813. This organization labored efficiently under the above title until 1845, when various changes were made in its constitution, and the name changed to the American Baptist Missionary Union.



Differences of opinion on the question of slavery led to the organization of the Southern Baptist Convention. That was effected in Augusta, Ga., May 8, 1845, with William B. Johnson as its first president. It is through this convention that Baptist churches of the South are doing their Home and Foreign Missionary work. The Foreign Mission Board is appointed each year by the Southern Baptist Convention, and is located at Richmond, Va., with R. J. Willingham, D. D., as secretary; the Home Mission Board, also appointed by the Southern Baptist Convention, is located at Atlanta, Ga., with B. D. Gray, D. D., as secretary. Baptist churches of the South, through their Southern Baptist Convention and their Foreign Mission Board are doing work in China, Africa, Japan, Italy, Mexico and Brazil. May 1, 1905, the churches had 181 missionaries on these fields with six more under appointment. Last Convention year \$283,415.88 were given for foreign mission and 2,231 converts were baptized; one baptism for every \$122.10 expended. This year the churches, through their messengers authorized the Board to lay out its work on a basis of \$375,000.

It will also be borne in mind that out of the \$283,415.88 given for foreign missions last year all necessary expenses incident to the work were paid, both that of the Board at Richmond, and the missionaries on the fields, and 269 native helpers were supported, making in all 450 missionary workers.

Through the Southern Baptist Convention, and the Home Mission Board, Baptist churches of the South are doing missionary work in the large cities of the South, on our western frontier, in the mountainous regions of North and South Carolina, Tennessee and Kentucky, among the Indian tribes and in Cuba.

Last year the Home Board received \$137,578.37, employed 718 missionaries who baptized 10,551 converts, constituted 219 churches, organized 539 Sunday schools, built and repaired 205 church houses, and distributed 24,354 Bibles and Testaments. For this year the work of the Home Mission Board is laid out on a basis of \$250,000.

Our State Mission work is carried on under the auspices of

the State Mission Board, appointed by the Mississippi Baptist State Convention, with A. V. Rowe, D. D., corresponding secretary of the Board.

On July 15, 1904, there were in the State Mission Treasury \$7,333.80 received from that date to July 10, 1905, \$13,900.40. With that money 8,974 days actual service were secured; and as a result of that service 200 stations were occupied, 655 persons baptized besides 734 in regular pastorates, but where missionaries did the protracted meeting work, and fourteen churches constituted, besides other work too extensive to be mentioned here.

Then, in conclusion, Home and Foreign Mission Work appeals to us because it lies within the scope of God's commands, and we, as followers of Christ, cannot withhold our support from this work without being recreant to our duty; while state mission work appeals to us from the same reason, and also from being of immediate personal interest to us and our children in maintaining Christianity with all its benefits in the land where our homes are.

Respectfully submitted,

L. D. POSEY.

The following named brethren were appointed a committee on apportionment, viz.:

Antioch, R. C. Myers; Bethel, A. H. McGuffee; Bethany, T. J. Newsom; Crooked Creek, L. E. Sills; Calvary, W. C. Atwood; Hepsibah, L. T. Ward; Hebron, D. R. Longino; Monticello, I. N. Bass, Prentiss, Leon Tyrone; New Zion, W. D. Carr; New Hope, A. Russell; New Hebron, T. M. Ware; Rehoboth, C. M. Bird; Shiloh, W. R. Gibson; Silver Creek, W. D. Fortenberry; Society Hill, F. W. Langston; Whitesand, L. A. Miller.

On motion the following subjects were adopted for discussions at our next meeting and referred to the committee on nominations for their guidance and consideration, viz.:

First, Missions. Second, Denominational Schools. Third, Pastoral Relations. Fourth, Church Discipline. Fifth, Sunday Schools. Sixth, Orphanage. Seventh, Ministerial Education. Eighth, Sustentation. Ninth, Publications. Tenth, Woman's Work. Eleventh, Temperance.

Adjourned for one hour.

Prayer by Elder C. E. Bass.

**EVENING EXERCISES.**

Met pursuant to adjournment.

Prayer by Elder Bryan Simmons.

The committee on nominations made the following report:

Place for holding the next meeting Shiloh, two miles north of Nola, on Brookhaven and Monticello Railroad, on Wednesday before the third Sunday in October, 1906, at 10 o'clock a. m., and that Elder R. Drummond preach the associational sermon, J. P. Williams, alternate.

That the following brethren prepare papers on the subjects annexed to their names for discussion at our next meeting, viz.:

- J. P. Williams—Missions.
- J. O. Buckley—Denominational Schools.
- L. D. Posey—Pastoral Relations.
- T. J. Moore—Publications.
- C. R. Dale—Orphanage.
- T. J. Batton—Ministerial Education.
- J. B. Dale—Sunday Schools.
- D. M. Lee—Woman's Work.
- J. M. Ritchie—Church Discipline.
- J. M. Polk—Sustentation.
- J. W. Ross—Temperance.

The special hour having arrived for the report on Denominational Schools, it was read and spoken to by Elder Bryan Simmons and W. T. Lowery.

At the close of the discussion \$1,020.20 was subscribed to the endowment fund of Mississippi College.

The report was adopted as follows: This is an educational age. More is being done for the education of the populace today than ever before. This is also a day when denominational interests are vastly increased and call for a prepared people to preserve and advance them.

It is the purpose of the denominational school to give to its students the very best literary training, and at the same time, enlighten and enlist them in denominational enterprises.

This is indeed a worthy purpose for existence and should secure for itself sympathetic and substantial support.

The Baptists of Mississippi have no female schools of their own, but there are two—Hilman and Blue Mountain Colleges, which are practically ours and should secure our support through praise and patronage.

The Southern Baptist Theological Seminary is ours, and should receive our help.

But the peculiar possession of Mississippi Baptists is Mississippi College. She has done more for Mississippi than any other college within her bounds, and is today the heart of Baptist life. Surely, then, she should have our support. Our boys should go there; our prayers should ascend for her, and liberally should our means go to her. Especially should we hear and heed the present plea for money to be put into new buildings.

Your committee would urge that this matter be presented to the membership of this association, both from the pulpit and personally by the pastors and substantial response secured.

Respectfully submitted,

BRYAN SIMMONS.

The report on Pastoral Relations was spoken to by Bryan Simmons and adopted as follows:

Pastors—are keepers or overseers of God's flock—the church. Therefore his relations extends to every member of his flock, to every individual of his community, and to every organization, for the advancement of Christ's Kingdom on earth.

Of the pastor, to be the undershepherd of God's flock, it is very necessary that he so live, that his people will have implicit confidence in him, for he cannot succeed in the great work, unless he has the confidence, love and esteem of those to whom he ministers.

First—His duty to the church over which God has made him overseer. "He must endure hardness," for in the prosecution of his work, often he will be called upon to endure hardships, but by bearing them patiently, he will show himself to be a good soldier of Jesus Christ.

He should "study to show himself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not be ashamed, rightly dividing the word

growth," looking well to the spiritual development and to the leading of his people into greater usefulness.

Second—His relation to each member. It is very necessary that the pastor be personally acquainted with each member of the church, if he expects them to co-operate with him in the great work, and there is no better way to become acquainted with them than to do pastoral work.

The pastor is to feed the flock. How can he feed unless he is personally acquainted with every need? He is also to lead or guide them as the shepherd leads his flock.

Third—It is also the duty of every church member to co-operate with their pastor in every good work, to pray for him, and give of their means for his support.

Respectfully submitted,

J. O. BUCKLEY.

The committee on religious exercises made the following report.

That Elder T. J. Bailey preach at Prentiss this evening at 7:30 o'clock in school building and Elder D. C. Rawls conduct the devotional exercises tomorrow at 9:30 o'clock a. m.

Adjourned. Prayer by Elder A. V. Rowe.

Thursday, 9:30 a. m. the association met pursuant to adjournment. The congregation sang "All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name," Elder A. V. Rowe leading in the opening prayer.

In the absence of Elder D. C. Rawls appointed to conduct the devotional exercises, Elder J. P. Williams conducted same, reading the 116th Psalm and prayer being led by Elder R. Drummond and Brother C. R. Dale.

The Moderator announced the association in order for business, when the report on apportionment was read and adopted, as follows: Antioch, \$30; Bethel, \$35; Bethany, \$150; Crooked Creek, \$75; Calvary, \$200; Hepsebah, \$50; Hebron, \$200; Monticello, \$100; New Zion, \$25; New Hope, \$25; New Hebron, \$50; Prentiss, \$200; Rehoboth, \$20; Shiloah, \$40; Silver Creek, \$50; Society Hill, \$125; total, \$1,375.

The committee on abstracts reported as follows.

We, your committee on abstracts in tabulating the statistics of the Lawrence County Association, finds that we have



seven ordained ministers, two licentiates, and for the associational year just closed there have been 221 baptisms, received by letter 58, restored 18, dead 15, dismissed by letter 177, excluded 39, total membership 2,482, Sunday schools 11, with 56 officers and teachers, 690 pupils.

The finances of the churches are: Sunday school expenses \$121.76, incidentals \$139.20, pastors' salaries \$2,851.25, paid to visiting ministers \$639.85, to missions \$1,555, the value of church property \$10,950, to the poor \$94.14, ministerial education \$100.45, orphanage \$198.15, for minutes, \$51.40, copies of minutes wanted 450, college \$24, Yazoo City church \$38.36, three ladies' missionary societies.

Respectfully submitted,

C. R. DALE and L. E. Sills.

The report on Sunday schools was read, discussed and adopted as follows:

The Sunday school work is our opportunity for Christian intelligence. If the young people of the present generation would know God's word as they should it will be done through the Sunday school. Believing that the most important feature of the work is an efficient force of officers and teachers. Therefore, we recommend that the Moderator be requested to appoint a committee of three to arrange with Brother J. E. Bird to hold a Sunday school convention in the territory of the Lawrence County Association, to be held somewhere and at some time during the next associational year, and that each church and Sunday school be requested to send their best Sunday school workers to the convention.

Respectfully submitted,

J. M. ARMSTRONG.

In conformity to the request in the above report, the Moderator appointed Elder L. D. Posey and Brethren C. R. Dale and W. C. Maxwell the committee on Sunday school work, to make arrangements with Brother J. E. Bird to hold a Sunday school convention in Lawrence County.

The report on Ministerial Education was read, discussed and adopted as follows:

Baptists do not believe in man made preachers, just as they do not believe in man made Christians. Man cannot give us the

new birth. God alone can do that, yet when God has called a soul from darkness to light, the usefulness of that soul may be enlarged by training, or education. So when God has called a man from the rank and file of his servants to be a minister of the gospel, his usefulness can be enlarged by education. School education is not essential to success in the ministry, but it is a great help. A converted soul, a call from God, deep consecration, energy and good sense always have given and always will give large success in the ministry, yet if you can add to these, a good thorough course of systematic training under competent and inspiring teachers, it will add vastly to the power and influence of the man.

The preacher ought to be the most intelligent man in the schools and is probably never attained in the truest and best community. This is seldom attained without the help of the sense without this.

We urge therefore that our young preachers ought not to enter their life work, without the best educational advantages.

Last year we had forty-seven young preachers in Mississippi College and there are now twelve Mississippi men in the Theological Seminary at Louisville, Ky. Most of these are grown men and poor men. Most of them would have to lose time and be thrown later in life finishing their education if they did not receive help.

The contributions to ministerial education are small, but a large majority of these young men receive some help towards their expenses.

Frequently young men are forced to stop for lack of means. We need larger contributions for ministerial education.

Comparatively few of our churches give at all to this cause. Last year the amount given to this by the churches of the entire Mississippi Baptist Convention was only about \$2,000. Contributions for this purpose may be sent to W. T. Lowrey at Clinton, or to A. V. Rowe, Winona.

W. T. LOWREY, Committee.

On motion the delegates to this body in the future be requested to remain until its close unless excused by the body in session.

On motion the articles of faith and rules of decorum of this association was ordered printed in the minutes of this meeting.

The report of the finance committee was read and adopted and the reader referred to the financial statistics for the report.

Treasurer's report is as follows:

N. S. Buckley, Treasurer, in account with the Lawrence County Association.

To amount received from the churches for associational purposes .....	\$ 51.55
For state missions .....	174.80
For home missons .....	121.70
For foreign missions .....	96.10
For general missions .....	169.97
For ministerial education .....	8.45
For orphanage .....	50.40
Cash on hand .....	\$672.97

Respectfully submitted,

N. S. BUCKLEY, Treasurer.

Resolved, That the treasurer of this association is hereby authorized to turn over all monies now in his hands for missions to Elder A. V. Rowe, and amounts for orphanage to Elder J. R. Carter, Jackson, Miss., and to all other objects for which it was given to their respective boards or secretaries.

Resolved, That the clerk of this association is hereby authorized to superintend the printing and distribution of these minutes and that he be allowed \$20 for his services.

Resolved, That the thanks of this association are hereby tendered to the members of Bethany church, and to the friends of the community at large, for the kind and hospitable manner in which they have entertained us during this session.

On motion the correction of the minutes was left to the secretary.

On motion adjourned to meet with the Shiloh church, two miles north of Nola, on Brookhaven and Monticello Railroad on Wednesday before the third Sunday in October, 1906, at 10 o'clock a. m.

R. DRUMMOND, Moderator.  
WADE POLK, Clerk.

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## *Corresponding Letter.*

To Sister Associations with which we Correspond:

Greeting: We have just closed our fifth session, same being held with Bethany church, Lawrence County, Miss. The session was helpful and harmonious.

All our churches were represented and made good showings of work done during the year in the Master's vineyard, as may be seen by turning to our statistical table.

Your messengers were helpful to us and we hope to continue our fraternal correspondence. Our next session will be held with Shiloh church, two miles north of Nola, on Brookhaven and Monticello Railroad on Wednesday before the third Sunday in October, 1906.

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## *Articles of Faith.*

First. We believe in one Triune God—the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost—the same in essence, equal in power and glory.

Second. We believe the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments were given by the inspiration of God and are the only rules of faith and practice.

Third. We believe in the fall of Adam from the original rectitude; in the imputation of his sin to all his posterity; in the total depravity of human nature, and in man's inability to restore himself to the favor of God.

Fourth. We believe that God hath loved his people with an everlasting love; that He chose them in Christ before the foundation of the world; that He calleth them with a holy and effectual calling and being justified alone through the righteousness of Christ imputed to them, they are kept by the power of God through faith unto salvation.

Fifth. We believe there is one Mediator between God and man; the man Christ Jesus, who by the satisfaction he made to law and justice in becoming an offering for sin, hath by His most precious blood redeemed the elect from under the curse of the law that they might be holy and without blame before Him in love.

Sixth. We believe that good works are the fruits of faith and follow after justification and are evidences of a gracious state, and that all believers are bound to obey every command of God from a principle of love.

Seventh. We believe in the resurrection of the dead and a general judgment; that the happiness of the righteous and the punishment of the wicked will be everlasting.

## *On Gospel Order.*

First. We believe a visible Church of Christ is a congregation of faithful persons who have given themselves to the Lord and to one another in brotherly covenant to keep up a Godly discipline agreeable to the rules of the New Testament.

Second. We believe that Jesus Christ is the only law giver of His church, that the government is with the body of the church, and is equally the right and privilege of each member thereof.

Third. We believe that baptism and the Lord's Supper are gospel ordinances appointed by Jesus Christ and are to be continued in the church until his second coming.

Fourth. We believe that immersion only is baptism and that believers in Christ are the only proper subject.

Fifth. We believe that none but regularly baptised church members have a right to partake of the Lord's Supper.



Sixth. We believe that it is the duty and privilege of all believers to make a public profession of their faith, to submit to the ordinances of the gospel and themselves as members to the visible church.

Seventh. We believe it to be the duty of every church to expell from her communion every member that is immoral in conduct or that holds doctrines contrary to the Scriptures.

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## *Rules of Decorum.*

First. This association acknowledges that each church is an independent body and possesses the sole right to exercise and control its own affairs and therefore, this association has no right or power to interfere with the internal rights and privileges of churches composing its body, but may withdraw from any church which may hold false doctrines or tolerate immoral practices.

Second. The objects of this association shall be to promote fellowship and harmony among the churches and to advance the redeemer's Kingdom by furnishing a means of uniting all the churches of this association in contributing of their means to the support of our denominational interests, such as denominational schools, orphans' homes and missions—State, Home and Foreign.

Third. This association may maintain a friendly correspondence when convenient with other religious bodies of the same faith and order.

Fourth. Ministers of the gospel in good standing, though not delegates, may be invited to seats in the association, but not to have the privilege of voting.

Fifth. This association may appoint any person or persons by and with their consent to transact any business it may deem necessary.

Sixth. The association may adjourn to any time and place it may think proper.

Seventh. The association shall keep a record of their proceedings and have them printed when necessary.

Eighth. The association shall have a fund and elect annually a Treasurer to take charge of it, who shall account to the association for monies which shall come into his hands for the use of the association.

Ninth. The association may form its own by-laws and regulate its own proceedings in such manner as it may deem expedient.

## *Church Directory.*

Antioch—R. Crisco, J. J. Osteen, L. Lee, C. Myers and Alfred Blackwell, delegates; J. R. G. Reeves, McComb, pastor; W. L. McGuffee, Perch, clerk.

Bethel—A. H. McGuffee, J. M. Ritchie, delegates; W. R. Webster, Wesson, pastor; W. J. Wilson, Monticello, clerk.

Bethany—W. M. Waller, Fleet Parkman, J. M. Polk, T. J. Newson, J. C. Burkett, delegates; T. J. Moore, Prentiss, pastor; S. C. Stamps, Lee, clerk.

Crooked Creek—L. E. Sills, J. O. Buckley, T. J. Batton, W. C. Dale, G. W. Johnston, delegates; R. Drummond, Hebron P. O., pastor; W. C. Dale, Hooker, clerk.

Calvary—H. W. Longino, I. B. Cole, J. M. Armstrong, W. C. Atwood, J. P. Williams, Rowan Stringer, delegates; J. P. Williams, Silver Creek, P. O., pastor; J. M. Armstrong, Silver Creek P. O., clerk.

Hepsibah—L. T. Ward, Quit Daniels, delegates; R. Drummond, Hebron, pastor; J. A. Daniels, Burnham, clerk.

Hebron—R. Drummond, D. R. Longino, A. H. Dale, A. C. Berry, W. C. Hutchins, delegates; R. Drummond, Hebron, pastor; W. C. Hutchins, Hebron, clerk.

Monticello—I. N. Bass, R. D. Garrett, W. C. Maxwell, delegates; J. P. Hemby, Brookhaven, pastor; E. O. Cowart, Monticello, clerk.

New Hope—Alphonso Russell, delegate; J. R. G. Reeves, McComb, pastor; H. J. Johnson, Newit, clerk.

New Zion—J. T. Bass, delegate; W. R. Webber, Wesson, pastor; Riley Townsen, Monticello, clerk.

New Hebron—C. E. Lee, T. M. Ware, delegates; No pastor; F. L. Riley, P. T., New Hebron, clerk.

Prentiss—J. A. Maxwell, C. R. Dale, H. H. Williams, delegates; T. J. Moore, Prentiss, pastor; R. E. Dale, Prentiss, clerk.

Rehoboth—V. L. Moore, C. M. Bird, delegates; J. C. Farrar, Venus, pastor; Lee H. Bird, Tryus, clerk.

Shiloh—E. B. White, W. R. Gibson, delegates; J. C. Farrar, Venus, pastor; H. F. Buckley, Sontag, clerk.

Silver Creek—I. E. Fortenberry, W. B. Stringer, W. D. Fortenberry, delegates; J. O. Buckley, Prentiss, pastor; W. J. Armstrong, Arm, clerk.

Society Hill—J. M. Fortenberry, F. W. Langston, Conrad Langston, E. Hanlin, N. S. Buckley, Wade Polk, delegates; L. D. Posey, Silver Creek, pastor; G. M. Buckley, Dale, clerk.

Whitesand—J. M. Bridges, L. A. Miller, W. S. Boyanton, delegates; L. D. Posey, Silver Creek, pastor; R. B. Dale, Vixen, clerk.

# FINANCIAL STATEMENT.

CHURCHES	Paid for Minutes.....	No. Minutes.....	Pastor's Salary.....	Foreign Missions.....	Home Missions.....	State Mission.....	General Missions.....	Paid Visiting Ministers.....	Other Objects.....	Value of Church Property.....	Expended on Ch Property.....	To the Poor.....	Ministerial Education.....	Orphanage.....	Incidentals.....	Colleges and Schools.....	Yazoo City Church.....
Antioch.....	\$ 2 00	20	\$ 125 00	\$ 10 51	\$ 4 75	\$ 4 75	\$ 35 72	\$ 32 90	\$ 3 00	\$ 1000 00	\$ 125 00	\$ 14 69	\$ 10 00	\$ 27 80	.....	.....	.....
Bethel.....	3 00	20	100 00	71 00	53 60	98 90	117 15	117 15	.....	500 00	.....	.....	14 50	.....	.....	.....	.....
Bethany.....	5 00	40	250 00	28 95	28 95	28 95	40 15	40 15	.....	1000 00	100 00	41 60	8 45	15 00	\$ 12 75	.....	.....
Crooked Creek.....	3 20	25	150 00	90 00	88 85	90 00	116 90	116 90	.....	500 00	38 00	.....	35 00	10 00	45 35	\$ 24 00	.....
Calvary.....	4 00	30	150 00	20 00	20 00	33 00	30 25	30 25	5 00	600 00	.....	37 85	2 50	74 75	1 25	.....	.....
Hepsiab.....	3 00	30	150 25	77 50	77 50	74 50	39 50	39 50	8 00	800 00	.....	.....	.....	33 00	6 95	.....	.....
Hebron.....	3 00	35	220 00	37 50	37 50	50 00	6 00	31 75	2 35	1800 00	3 75	.....	5 00	.....	15 90	.....	\$ 13 00
Monticello.....	4 50	30	250 00	6 65	6 65	6 65	.....	33 55	.....	400 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
New Hope.....	2 25	15	75 00	5 50	5 50	10 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	34 60	.....	.....	25 00
New Zion.....	2 25	20	100 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	8 00	.....	.....	.....
New Hebron.....	1 00	10	.....	45 67	60 00	70 00	.....	96 15	47 00	350 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	57 00	.....	.....
Prentiss.....	2 00	15	250 00	2 50	5 00	5 00	.....	18 75	2 00	500 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Rehoboth.....	2 40	25	150 00	.....	.....	.....	14 00	26 50	.....	1200 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Siloh.....	3 50	35	125 00	40 50	.....	.....	.....	102 20	.....	1000 00	.....	.....	20 00	.....	.....	.....	.....
Silver Creek.....	7 00	50	250 00	37 10	37 90	37 90	.....	.....	.....	500 00	.....	.....	5 00	.....	.....	.....	.....
Society Hill.....	2 55	25	175 00	7 30	11 30	.....	21 40	15 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Whitesand.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Totals.....	\$ 51 40	435	\$ 2851 25	\$ 480 69	\$ 437 51	\$ 509 68	\$ 17 12	\$ 609 85	\$ 67 35	\$ 10950 00	\$ 206 75	\$ 304 14	\$ 100 45	\$ 198 15	\$ 139 20	\$ 24 00	\$ 38 36

**CHURCH STATISTICS.**

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